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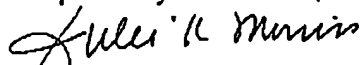
Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 21, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect to have examined Species V, indicated by the Examiner to be represented in FIGS. 11A-11C. The Applicants further elect to have examined sub-species VIII, which the Examiner indicates is represented by FIGS. 11A-11C.

The Applicants submit that the following claims read on the elected species and sub-species: Claims 15, 20, 21, 23, 25-29, 32-34, 36, 42, 44-46 and 48.

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This election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments present a single general inventive concept and that the various embodiments are not so diverse that distinct or extensive searching is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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